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The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk/Executive Director
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

Re: **South Carolina Generator Interconnection Procedures**
Joint Notice of Interconnection Settlement and Petition for Limited Waiver
Docket No. 2015-362-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket please find a Joint Notice of Interconnection Settlement and Petition for Limited Waiver ("Joint Notice and Petition") of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress LLC (collectively, "Duke" or the "Companies") and Birdseye Renewable Energy, LLC; Cypress Creek Renewables, LLC; Pine Gate Renewables, LLC; Southern Current LLC; National Renewable Energy Corporation; DEPCOM Power, Inc.; and Ecoplexus Inc (collectively, the "Settling Developers" and together with Duke, the "Joint Petitioners"). The Joint Petitioners are filing this Joint Notice and Petition specifically in the above-referenced docket because the relief requested herein is a limited waiver of the South Carolina Generator Interconnection Procedures, which the Commission approved in Order No. 2016-191 in this docket. Granting the limited waivers requested are necessary to allow the Settling Developers and Duke to implement the Interconnection Settlement Agreement ("Settlement Agreement") described in the Joint Notice and Petition. The Settlement Agreement is included for filing as Exhibit A to the Joint Notice and Petition.

The Joint Petitioners have worked extensively over the past six months to craft this comprehensive Settlement Agreement to resolve a number of outstanding challenges relating to the interconnection of proposed distribution-tied solar generating facilities in South and North Carolina. In order to allow the Joint Petitioners to achieve their commitments set forth in the Settlement Agreement, the Joint Petitioners respectfully request expedited approval of the waivers requested herein **on or before October 15, 2020.**

Additionally, as described in the Joint Notice and Petition, due to the commercial sensitivity and proprietary nature of certain portions of the Settlement Agreement, the Joint Petitioners respectfully request that the Commission find that pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-804(S)(2) and S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-40(a)(1), certain attachments to the Interconnection

Settlement Agreement are exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, S.C. Code Ann. §§ 30-4-10 *et seq.*

The information contained in the attachments for which the Joint Petitioners seek protection constitutes trade secret, and confidential, proprietary and commercially-sensitive information about the Settling Developers' interconnection requests and planned solar generating facilities. Accordingly, the Joint Petitioners respectfully request to file the confidential version of the Settlement Agreement under seal and that it is maintained as confidential pursuant to Order No. 2005-226. The Joint Petitioners will provide a confidential version of the Settlement Agreement to the Commission and the Office of Regulatory Staff (via hand delivery). Parties to this docket may contact counsel for Duke regarding obtaining confidential versions of this information pursuant to an appropriate confidentiality agreement.

Finally, while counsel for Duke is signing this transmittal letter on behalf of the Joint Petitioners, each Settling Developer has South Carolina-licensed counsel that has signed the Joint Notice and Petition in representation of their respective clients.

Sincerely,

Rebecca J. Dulin

Attachments

C: Parties of Record (Public version via email)
       Office of Regulatory Staff (Confidential version via hand delivery)